

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 476

Designating the month of May 2016 as “Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2016

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas cystic fibrosis (in this preamble referred to as “CF”) is a genetic disease affecting more than 30,000 children and adults in the United States and more than 70,000 children and adults worldwide;

Whereas, in patients with CF, a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, produces life-threatening lung infections, and obstructs the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food;

Whereas there are approximately 1,000 new cases of CF diagnosed each year;

Whereas infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify individuals likely to have 1 of 1,800 different CF mutations;

Whereas early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life, longevity, and the treatment of CF;

Whereas CF impacts the families of patients because of the intense daily disease management protocols that patients must endure;

Whereas, in the United States, there are more than 120 CF care centers and 55 affiliate programs with highly trained and dedicated providers that specialize in delivering high-quality, coordinated care for CF patients and their families;

Whereas the number of adults with CF has steadily grown and the median age of survival for a person with CF is now nearly 40 years of age; and

Whereas innovative precision medicines and treatments have greatly improved and extended the lives of patients: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the month of May 2016 as “Cys-  
3       tic Fibrosis Awareness Month”;

4               (2) congratulates the community of individuals  
5       who care for patients with cystic fibrosis for their  
6       unrelenting dedication to those patients;

7               (3) recognizes that the care delivery system for  
8       cystic fibrosis can be a model for building better  
9       care coordination in the larger healthcare system;

1           (4) acknowledges the tremendous investments  
2           and scientific achievements that have significantly  
3           improved the lives of individuals with cystic fibrosis;  
4           and

5           (5) urges researchers, developers, patients, and  
6           providers to work together closely to find a cure for  
7           this deadly disease.

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